

**Meeting Minutes for the  
Governor's Council on Behavioral Health**

**Thursday, July 10, 2014**

**Public members present:** Linda Bryan, James Gillen, Joseph Le, Richard Leclerc, Anne M. Mulready

**Appointed members present:** Meghan Clingham, (Mental Health Advocate)

**Statutory members present:** None.

**Ex-officio members present:** Lou Cerbo and Elizabeth Earls (DOC); Ruth Anne Dougherty and Chris Strnad (DCYF); Denise Achin and Alice Woods (Department of Education); Colleen Poselli (DOH); Marlena Peabody, Jason Lyon, and Sharon Kernan (OHHS); Craig Stenning and Rebecca Boss (BHDDH); and Elizabeth Gilheeney (Department of Justice).

**Guests:** Shannon Spurlock (RI Prevention Resource Center), Elizabeth Conley (The Providence Center), Allison Theriault (PSN), Cheryl Patnaude (Tri-town), Loren Sidman (NHPRI), Melissa Worcester (Beacon/Neighborhood), Delores Burk (NHPRI).

**Staff:** Jim Dealy.

**Review of Minutes (Rich Leclerc)**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The agenda and draft minutes were circulated for review and comment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

**Managed care behavioral health (Loren Sidman (NHPRI):**

(the Power Point presentation is attached with these minutes)

**Update from EOHHS (Sharon Kernan):**

The re-determinations for continued RiteCare eligibility which had been on hold during the roll-out of the ACA will now begin. The re-applications will be staggered over the period from July through November, and everyone will need to re-apply to maintain their RiteCare benefits.

Per state legislation, all Medicaid funds that were administered by BHDDH are now being transferred to EOHHS. This amounts to \$60,000,000 because \$10,000,000 of last year's \$70,000,000 was taken out of the budget.

**Update from BHDDH (Rebecca Boss and Craig Stenning):**

The \$10,000,000 cut to the behavioral health Medicaid budget means that there is no more state money to match the CNOMs, so no more coverage for treatments not covered by Medicare or for those who are uninsured or underinsured. This may leave up to 1000 individuals uncovered. BHDDH and EOHHS are working on ways to minimize the effects of this problem.

The legislature has also cut RISAPA funds, with the expectation that the loss will be covered by SATP Block Grant funds, which will in turn reduce SATPBG for treatment programs.

As a result of the state's efforts to reduce OD deaths, the death rate is now decreasing. Providence Center/Anchor have linked peers with the Kent County and Miriam Hospital ERs so that peers are available over the weekend to work with individuals and families who come to the ER experiencing overdoses.

The Providence Center has been awarded the ED Diversion contract for the STOP program.

BHDDH and DCYF have applied for SAMHSA's "Healthy Transitions" grant to develop a service system for young adults, aged 15-24.

The state has applied for the System Innovation Model (SIM) grant to implement an outcomes-driven healthcare system. The application is based on the Healthcare Innovations SHIP report. This report was presented to the Council, and the Council's advocacy for more recognition of the importance of behavioral health in the development of the healthcare system lead to a final report that incorporated some of its recommendations. Two of the SIM application's 5 healthcare priorities relate to behavioral health.

As of 7/1, benefits that are ordered by a court are considered to be "medically necessary" and must be covered as "in plan" services.

This year's Rally4Recovery will be on September 13. More sponsors are needed to cover the costs of the Rally.

#### **Update from DCYF (Chris Strnad):**

Chris clarified that the five EBPs funded partly through the MH Block Grant are: Positive Parenting (PPP); Teen ACT; Family Centered Treatment; Trauma and Trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Parenting with Love and Limits. Each of these plays a role in preventing adult SMI.

#### **Old/New Business (Rich Leclerc):**

There was no old/new business

The meeting was adjourned by vote of the members.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 1:00 P.M., DOC Administration A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Statutory and Public members, please let Jim Dealy know if you cannot attend**

**This meeting is open to the public.**

**If you plan to attend and you require special accommodations to ensure equal participation, please contact Jim Dealy at the Division of Behavioral Healthcare Services at 462-0118.**